

MILADY AS A LOOTER

Chaffee's Insinuations Bring European Ministers to Lady McDonald's Defense.

SAY SHE TOOK ONLY A YELLOW ROSE

Were with Her and Swear She Appropriated Nothing of Value.

SAME CHARGE AGAINST AMERICAN WIFE

Affirm that Yankee Woman Was Overwhelmingly Foul.

ACCUSATIONS EMBARRASS THE MEETING

Diplomatic Corps Finds Itself Discussing Scrupulous of Persons of Prominence and American Participant Keeps Still.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Pekin says: The last general meeting of the diplomatic corps was a scene of a more acute phase of the controversy over looting. The question was raised by diplomats friendly to Lady McDonald, who thinks a great injustice was done her by the supposed reference to her in one of General Chaffee's letters upon the subject of looting.

WILL NOT WAIT FOR EMPEROR

General Von Waldersee to Leave China About May 31—May Come to United States.

BERLIN, May 24.—The statements in the London press that Count von Waldersee has informed the Chinese authorities that he would not leave Pekin until the court returned and had an interview with Emperor Kwang Shu are authoritatively denied. The officials here say von Waldersee will leave Pekin May 31, or a few days later, for Japan. It is uncertain whether he will return by way of the United States or via Shanghai.

LIPTON TO COME OVER SOONER

Owner of Shamrock II Sends Second Cablegram, Naming Earlier Date Than October, First Asked.

NEW YORK, May 24.—It was practically determined this evening that the cup races will only be postponed for one month at the most. The New York Yacht club, through its challenge committee, has expressed a willingness to give Sir Thomas Lipton funds that he can repair his yacht in less than the originally estimated time.

ANY BUREAU MAY JOIN

Scope of National Association of Labor Statisticians is Considerably Enlarged.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—The scope of the National Association of Labor Statisticians, in session at the Planters hotel, was enlarged today, and by unanimous consent, officials from bureaus of every country on the American continent were made eligible for membership. The name was changed from "National" to "American."

DISCUSS VACATION SCHOOLS

National Congress of Mothers Takes Up Matter of Time Between Terms.

COLUMBUS, O., May 24.—The National Congress of Mothers was called to order today, with Mrs. J. P. Munford in the chair. Amendments to the bylaws were made, none of them important. A number of addresses were made and then a discussion of vacation schools was opened by Mrs. Edward M. Patton of Columbus, president of the City Federation of Women's clubs.

BACKGROUND RISE HIGH

Subterranean Railway Shares Fractionally Because of Yerkes' Scheme.

(Copyright, M. G. Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, May 24.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Underground railway shares have risen fractionally on the strength of Yerkes' scheme, but nothing is settled, as the presidents of both the district and metropolitan railroads are holding out for better terms than Mr. Yerkes has yet offered.

OBSERVE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

King Edward Reviews Parade and Presents Guards with Colors.

LONDON, May 24.—King Edward presented a new color to the Scots Guards, on the Horse Guards' parade today. Subsequently, his majesty witnessed the ceremony of trooping the color, so long associated with the anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Queen Alexandra, the duke and duchess of Connaught, the duke and duchess of Fife and the duke of Cambridge witnessed the function from a window overlooking the parade ground, which was thronged with a fashionable gathering.

MILNER IS IN GREAT FAVOR

Chamberlain Exploiting the Governor to Bolster Up His Own Administration.

LONDON, May 24.—Sir Alfred Milner has arrived in England from South Africa and the country is going through the novel experience of seeing a colonial governor publicly exploited in connection with a much-disputed act of ministerial policy. Mr. Chamberlain has spared neither time nor trouble in organizing a greeting for the high commissioner, and has endeavored to induce a number of cabinet ministers to take the most unusual course of going to Southampton to welcome the home-coming executive.

IMPRISONED BY EXPLOSION

Hundred Miners Caught in Colliery with Little Hope of Saving Them.

LONDON, May 24.—An explosion occurred this morning at the Universal colliery at Senghedy, in the Rhonda valley. About 100 men were in the pit at the time of the disaster and there is little hope of saving the lives of any of them.

ITALY AFTER SATISFACTION

If Not Given at Once War Ships Will Visit a Turkish Town and Exact It.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.—In consequence of the arrest of an Italian naval agent at Preveza the Italian charge d'affaires has demanded immediate reparations from the Porte. If this is not accorded Italy will send war ships to Preveza to exact satisfaction.

SHIRT AND CUFF COMBINE

Various Manufacturers, Valued at Twenty Millions, Are to Consolidate.

CHICAGO, May 24.—A special to the Evening Post from Troy, N. Y., says that the leading shirt and cuff manufacturers of the country are to combine. A committee is now working to appropriate the property of the constituent companies, and each one has produced \$10,000, which will be forfeited should the concern not hold out after the incorporation papers have been secured.

TACKLES RAILROADS NEXT

Machinists' President Would Broaden the Nine-Hour Fight.

POSSIBLE STRIKE INVOLVING 100,000 MEN

Policy is to Force Demands by Tying Up Entire Mechanical Service of Roads—O'Connell Awaits Convention.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists announced this afternoon that he would recommend to the next annual convention of machinists, at Toronto, beginning June 3, that a date be set for a nine-hour strike without reduction in wages on all the railroads of the country.

Mr. O'Connell says that such a strike would involve probably 100,000 men, including 40,000 machinists, the others being boiler-makers, pattern-makers, and semi-skilled workmen who work with the machinists in the various shops. The policy will be to enforce the demand by tying up practically the entire mechanical service of the roads.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon Mr. O'Connell said the outlook of the present strike was very gratifying. A report from Memphis, Tenn., announced the signature of six establishments there to the agreement.

The headquarters of the strike has been shifted from Washington to Toronto, for which city President O'Connell left tonight. He will stop enroute at Pittsburgh, Buffalo and possibly some other cities to confer with local strike leaders and will take charge of the Toronto headquarters Sunday night.

The Navy department received notice today from Harlan & Harlingsworth of the pendency of the strike at their establishment, where naval vessels are building.

HOW HE WILL REACH SEABOARD

Gould Said to Be Negotiating for Traffic Agreement with Eastern Road.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Mail and Express today prints the following article on the much-discussed question of how the Gould system of railroads will reach the seaboard: George J. Gould is said to be negotiating for an entrance for his railroads into this country.

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TRUCE IN THE RATE WAR

Wabash and Competitors to Restore, June 4, the Schedule of April 30.

CHICAGO, May 24.—A temporary truce in the differential rate war between the Wabash and its competitors was agreed upon by the joint meeting of eastern and western general passenger agents today.

PRESUMABLY TO KUHNS-LOEB

Wall Street Hears Another Rumor of Union Pacific Four Per Cent Selling.

NEW YORK, May 24.—It was semi-officially reported in Wall street today that the \$60,000,000 new issue of Union Pacific 4 per cent bonds had been sold to a syndicate of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. No statement was made, however, as to whether or not these bonds had been disposed of for Northern Pacific stock recently acquired in the interest of the Northern Pacific.

SAYS HE IS MAMMA'S BOY

Willie Sells Claims to Be a Wise Child Who Knows His Own Mind.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 24.—Willie Sells will contest the will of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Sells. He has always been known as the adopted son of Mrs. Sells. Today he makes the sensational charge that he is her own son. In the will admitted to probate Willie Sells was cut out entirely, because he was alleged to be a minor. He is now being protected against his marriage to Simon Greenspan. The estate is valued at \$300,000.

TWELVE OF FOURTEEN DROWN

Steamer Baltimore Forces Crew Into the Sea—Two Survive, One Now Missing.

EAST TAWAS, Mich., May 24.—The wooden steamer Baltimore foundered this morning in Lake Huron, near Au Sable, and twelve of the crew of fourteen were drowned. Two survivors were washed about in the lake for several hours, lashed to a piece of wreckage, and were finally picked up by the tug Columbia and brought here. George McGinnis, a deckhand, one of the rescued, went crazy from his experience. The officer in charge, Thomas Murphy, of Milwaukee, second engineer, was able to tell the story of the disaster.

CAPTAIN M. H. PLACE, master of the steamer, said the vessel was placed under a large steam drill and scow. When off Tawas last night Captain Place saw that the steamer was making bad weather, for the waves and squalls in the engineer's quarters and the washrooms and the water was running into the hold.

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"Captain Place decided to turn about and run for Tawas for shelter. When we arrived off Au Sable the steamer struck heavily on the bottom. The scow broke over at the same time, and carried away the deckhouse, then the after cabin, and finally, the smokestack fell. Both rails forward broke in two just at the forward deckhouse, and we knew that it was only a few minutes before the steamer would go to pieces."

"It is every man for himself, now," shouted Captain Place. The look of despair on Mrs. Place's face was something I shall never forget. It was awful. We took the captain's advice and every man started to save himself as best he could. Some of the boys took to the rigging, but McGinnis and I lashed ourselves to a ring-bolt in a piece of the after cabin, and we were washed overboard shortly afterward.

"The strain was too much for McGinnis, and he went crazy before we had been in the water very long. He tried to throw me of the wreckage, but I talked to him and encouraged him to hold on. Twice he got loose and tried to drown us both, but each time I succeeded in quieting him. I told him to hold on, and he held on. Some of the boys took to the rigging, but McGinnis and I lashed ourselves to a ring-bolt in a piece of the after cabin, and we were washed overboard shortly afterward."

WILL TALK TO STUDENTS

Memorial Day Committee Assigns Speakers to the Various Schools.

At a meeting of the general Memorial day committee Friday evening assignments of speakers were made for the addresses to be made at the various public and parochial schools at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, May 23, as follows: Public Schools—High school, W. H. Christie and Dr. H. C. Van Gieson; Bancroft, J. B. Driesbach; Cass, W. S. Shoemaker; Cassell, F. E. Weller; Central, S. J. Gordon; Central Park, G. P. Garlick; Clifton Hill, Henry Harrow; Columbian, J. W. Eller; Columbus, J. L. Pierson; Druid Hill, W. O. Morse; Dupont, L. R. Coy; Farnam, B. R. Ball; Franklin, J. S. Miller; Kellom, John L. S. Estelle; Lake, John T. Bell; Leavenworth, A. J. Cook; Lincoln, T. F. Elliott; Long, E. W. Johnson; Lotthrop, D. H. Hull; Mason, E. R. Rosewater; Omaha View, D. L. Thomas; Pacific, Simeon Blom; Park, H. E. Palmer; Saratoga, Lee Baber; Sherman, Dr. R. M. St. John; St. Anthony, Edward, Walnut Hill, J. W. Thompson; Webster, G. R. Rathbun; Windsor, J. E. Cramer; Saunders, James B. Bruner; Nebraska School for the Deaf, D. M. Haverly.

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STUCK-UP CROWD WON'T TALK

Candy-makers Decline to Reveal What Was Done in Their Secret Conference.

CHICAGO, May 24.—A secret meeting of confectioners, representing seven candy manufacturers' associations, controlling a large percentage of the candy output, was held here today. The members refused to state whether the cost of confections was to be advanced.

MINORITY REPORT DEFEATED

Cuban Constitutional Convention Turns It Down Nineteen to Nine.

HAVANA IS HELPING JACKSONVILLE

Merchants and Clubs Have Already Contributed and Now Benefits Are Being Planned, Partly to Relieve Orphans.

HAVANA, May 24.—The minority report of the committee on relations was today defeated in the constitutional convention by a vote of nineteen to nine. Tomorrow the majority report will be read and discussed.

The conservatives believe the final vote on the latter report will be taken Monday, but they do not expect to hold the full strength shown today. Senor Zayas, in a speech, said the minority report was too conservative and that he could not accept it. It is believed that Senor Zayas may possibly carry two other delegates who today voted with the conservatives.

The merchants and clubs of Havana have been contributing liberally for the relief of the Jacksonville sufferers. Persons socially prominent in Havana will give a benefit, the proceeds to be devoted to relieving Cuban orphans and helping Jacksonville.

DOVE FACES MURDER CHARGE

Arrested as Being Responsible for the Death of Mrs. Emma Lucy Judd.

CHICAGO, May 24.—John Alexander Dowie, the "Dove" who was placed under arrest here today, pursuant to the action of the coroner's jury, which yesterday declared him "criminally responsible" for the death of Mrs. Emma Lucy Judd, H. Worthington Judd, a disciple of Dowie, and husband of the victim, was also placed under arrest, having appeared at the criminal court building in company with his superior, both men were taken before Judge Tukey, who admitted them to bail. Hendrick Bratsch and Mary B. Speicher, "maternity" nurses, who were at Mrs. Judd's bedside when she died, were arrested last night and later released under bonds.

Mrs. Judd died a week ago after sixteen hours of suffering. Her infant also died. She was a member of Dowie's congregation and it is asserted she received no medical attention. Another coroner's verdict was registered against the followers of Dowie this evening, when the jury which has been listening to the evidence in the case of Mrs. Mary Louise Christensen declared that her death was due to the neglect of the authorities of Dowie's church, and urging the officials to investigate the workings of the hospital run by Dowie, which, it is said, is managed in defiance of the state laws. Steps will also be taken to prosecute some of the nurses "deaconess" in charge of the place for practicing medicine without a license.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday, with Higher Temperature, Southerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:			
Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	54	1 p. m.	52
6 a. m.	54	2 p. m.	52
7 a. m.	55	3 p. m.	52
8 a. m.	55	4 p. m.	52
9 a. m.	55	5 p. m.	50
10 a. m.	55	6 p. m.	48
11 a. m.	55	7 p. m.	47
12 m.	51	8 p. m.	47
		9 p. m.	47

JOHN KAVANAGH GOES FREE

Tecumseh Man Charged with Murder of Dennis McLaughlin is Acquitted.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 24.—(Special Telegram.)—John Kavanagh, the man who was accused of shooting and killing Dennis McLaughlin near Smartville on the evening of May 8, was given a preliminary examination in Justice J. S. Dinmore's court here today. As a result the charge of murder against him was dismissed and Kavanagh was given his freedom. The outcome of the examination was a surprise to all. Several witnesses were examined, including the Liggett boy, who was fishing with Kavanagh at the time of the shooting, and Mr. and Mrs. Bales and Mrs. Smith, the parties who were driving by and witnessed the affair.

As soon as McLaughlin was shot Kavanagh was arrested and held to the district court in a \$1,000 bond, on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. This charge he still has to meet. When McLaughlin died, which was four days after, Kavanagh had a new charge to face and was held in the county jail until today. He returned to his family tonight.

TO REST NEAR LINCOLN

Former Governor Tanner's Grave Lot Purchased in Shadow of the Monument.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 24.—The remains of former Governor John R. Tanner will be interred almost beside those of President Lincoln in Oak Ridge cemetery here today. As a result the charge of murder against him was dismissed and Kavanagh was given his freedom. The outcome of the examination was a surprise to all. Several witnesses were examined, including the Liggett boy, who was fishing with Kavanagh at the time of the shooting, and Mr. and Mrs. Bales and Mrs. Smith, the parties who were driving by and witnessed the affair.

The funeral promises to be the largest attended that has ever been held here. The field near Lincoln was buried. Military and civic organizations from all over the state will be present. A meeting of the union miners of the state has been called for 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in this city, for the purpose of arranging for the miners to attend the funeral in a body.

BUCKEYES IN WINDY CITY

Ohio Governor, Still Ill, Makes an Hour's Stop—Battalion Association Organized.

CHICAGO, May 24.—The Ohio special bearing Governor Nash and party on their return from San Francisco arrived here tonight, having made the run from Denver over the Union Pacific and the Northwest. The special stopped here an hour and left for the Baltimore & Ohio for Columbia, where it is due at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Governor Nash is still suffering from dizziness and heart trouble.

TOWN WRECKED BY FLOOD

Elizabethton Presents Spectacle of Immense Damage Since Receding of Water.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 24.—Reports from upper east Tennessee indicate that the high water in all the rivers is receding. Elizabethton, a small town, presents a terrible spectacle, and as the water drains, appears the more serious becomes the situation. Railroad communication was restored today between Johnson City and Elizabethton.

EXAMINE EXPORT FACILITIES

Millers' Association Goes to New Orleans to See How Flour is Handled.

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—A party of thirty members of the Western Millers' association, which held a meeting in Kansas City on the 21st and 22d, has arrived in this city this morning, to examine into the port facilities of New Orleans for exportation of flour and grain. A program of entertainment has been arranged by the representatives of the Kansas City City and Memphis and the Illinois Central railroads, under whose auspices the trip was made, and the local shipping agents. The millers will remain in the city until Monday.

IS MURDERED IN HIS BARN

New York Farmer Found with His Head Smashed to a Pulp.

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M'ARTHUR TELLS HOW

Sends His Report on Methods of Those Who Robbed Manila Commissary.

DAVIS AND READ LAX IN METHODS

Colonel Woodruff Is Guiltless, but Much Imposed Upon.

DEFRAUDERS NOT WITHOUT A PLAN

Purposed to Brush Their Tracks with a Blinded Beard.

MAJOR WEST PROVES HARD TO FOOL

In Succeeding Davis as Depot Commissary He Shook Up the Woodpile and Revealed the Hidden African.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—About 600 pounds of Manila mail were received at the War department today. The most important document received was the report of the Taft commission on the scheme of civil government for the Philippines, which, it is expected, will be put into operation about July 1, if approved by the president and secretary of war. The document is quite voluminous.

The mail also brought the report of General MacArthur upon the investigation made as to the connection of Colonel Woodruff and other regular commissary officers with the frauds in the Manila department. This report, it is understood, exonerates Colonel Woodruff, although some of his former subordinates are said to be criticized for lax methods. It appears from the official reports received by the department that Colonel Woodruff had set on foot an investigation of the irregularities, especially those relating to the sales of commissary supplies, before the arrival of Major West. The latter began an independent investigation. When Major West became depot commissary he found a lax state of affairs. There were several large warehouses, mostly in charge of commissary sergeants, and no way of holding these non-commissioned officers responsible for the property under their charge. Major West decided to take an inventory before proceeding with other business, but found this almost impossible, because individual warehouse had not been kept under the former management. As large amounts of goods were being sent out from the warehouse daily the opportunities for irregularities induced the sergeants, civilian employees and teamsters to engage in the business of selling commissary supplies.

HOW THE TRICK WAS DONE

The method by which this was accomplished was given by a commissary sergeant in charge of a warehouse, for delivery to the warehouse teamster of the warehouse, certain goods. This teamster would deliver the goods to parties to whom they had been previously sold, and some other individuals in the conspiracy, and the money would be divided a rata among the men engaged in the scheme. The lax methods of Major Davis, the former depot commissary, and of Captain Read, allowed the system to go on. Major West, in reporting upon the general conditions, recommended that a commissioned officer be placed in charge of each warehouse and held responsible for the property.

From a report made by Colonel Woodruff it appears that he became satisfied that the purchases of privileges of the commissary stores in Manila were being abused. This induced him to make an investigation and it was found that flour, bacon and other supplies were being sold in Manila. It was found that the ration which were not used by the troops were being disposed of, and this was attributed largely to the sales made by the returning volunteers. Colonel Woodruff also found that Read had accepted rebates from a rough dealer, and through a naval officer had solicited a percentage from vegetable contractors. Colonel Woodruff also found that there was much stealing to a certain extent on the lighters, something that was hard to prevent, owing to the conditions prevailing in Manila harbor and the shore. He also found that the soldiers of unloading goods from the transports to the lighters, and thence to the shore. It is stated that the men who engaged in the speculations expected to cover the losses by boards of survey, which would be called in the event of a loss, fixing no responsibility, as there has been loss in the shipments of goods to Manila and which are said to be unavoidable.

DISLIKE AMERICAN JUDGES

Philippines Express Some Discontent Because of the Fact That They Do Not Occupy All Benches.

MANILA, May 24.—The discontent among the natives at the appointment of American judges and alleged discriminations in the civil service in favor of Americans is finding expression, encouraged by some of the native judges, who are aware that the reorganization of the judiciary will result in the loss of their positions. Judge Ner of the court of first instance of Tondo, one of the leaders of what is beginning to be called the radical wing of the federalists, declared today that if such things continue there will be a second revolution. Some of the prominent federalists ridicule the prediction.

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